Serving Youth and Families in Greene County, Ohio



2020 Annual Report

Greene County Juvenile Court 2100 Greene Way Blvd. Xenia, Ohio 45385



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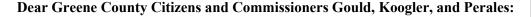
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JUDGE AMY H. LEWIS GREENE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS JUVENILE DIVISION

June 25, 2021





The year 2020 demonstrated that despite a global pandemic Greene County Juvenile Court staff were able to meet the challenges presented when Court operations were quickly forced to find alternative ways to administer justice and meet the needs of children and their families in Greene County. Staff cross trained to learn different Court jobs in order to assume additional roles at the Court if a co-worker or department became ill or were forced to quarantine due to Covid-19. Adherence to Center for Disease Control, Ohio Department of Health and Greene County Health Department Covid-19 guidelines assisted the Court in maintaining safe, ongoing, albeit slightly modified, operations including the continuum of the dockets, probation services, Assessment and Intervention Center programming, the detention facility, the Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, Diversion services and the Truancy Intervention program. Health measures were put in place to keep a staff of over 125 people, the public and youth detained in our facilities safe. These measures were implemented, adhered to and respected.

During the year Deputy clerks accepted court filings and scheduled cases without interruption to keep the court dockets active. Parties were given the opportunity to participate safely from a distance using technology implemented in the four courtrooms. A grant from the Supreme Court of Ohio allowed the Court to purchase laptops in order for staff to work remotely. This allowed not only hearing officers and court staff to participate remotely in hearings but litigants as well.

Even though we were forced to find alternative ways to operate in 2020, new evidence-based programming was implemented as a result of a grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The grant 100% funded our Assessment Center which opened on April 1, 2020 with a full time Service Coordinator and Mental Health Counselor. The Assessment Center focus is on providing screenings, intervention, coordination of services and case plans for children and families in order to identify the barriers that keep them from being successful. The Assessment Center also puts services in place that address unruly and delinquent behavior and the disruptive impact it has on the community and schools. Furthermore, by being able to quickly identify these issues, out of home residential placements have decreased for both Court involved youth and those referred to Family and Children First.

Grant funding also allowed the Court to fund 100% our Intervention Center which worked remotely with families in 2020 offering programming, counseling and life skills via Zoom when in person programming was suspended due to Covid-19. In addition, Intervention and probation staff, recognizing the food scarcity issues of many Court involved youth, delivered food to these families throughout the year to ensure that they had meals. Vegetables and herbs harvested from

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GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT JUGDE, AMY H. LEWIS

the Court greenhouse which is maintained by both Court involved youth and staff were delivered to One Bistro and a local food pantry. This allowed these youth to recognize the importance of positively contributing to the community in which they reside while providing healthy food options for those in need.

Although social distancing in 2020 kept people from meeting in person, fortunately we were able to continue remotely working with our community partners who are also dedicated to the families and youth in Greene County. The Family Violence Prevention Center, Family and Children First, the Mental Health and Recovery Board, Family Solutions Center, Central State University Social Work students, the Central State Extension Office, Greene County schools, and non-profit agencies worked as a team to provide services to youth and families in a unique time. We are appreciative that the Greene County Bar members adjusted on short notice to operational changes at the Court to ensure that they could continue to advocate on behalf of their clients and ensure that justice was timely delivered.

I am fortunate to work with an amazing group of co-workers. They actively worked throughout 2020 to ensure that litigants had access to justice and were treated with respect. They found alternative ways to do their jobs and instituted operational changes that remain to this day. Their leadership, hard work, ability to work in a team structure, always evolving skill building and ability to adapt when needed have made it possible for the Court to maintain an active docket and provide services to the community. Together we will continue to provide due process and set high standards for our community and the community partners connected to the Court.

Respectfully,

Amy H. Lewis, Judge

Greene County Court of Common Pleas

Juvenile Division

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GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT LEADERSHIP



CURRENT JUDICIAL STAFF

Juvenile Court Judge	Amy H. Lewis
Chief Magistrate	Cynthia L. Thompson
Magistrate	Jennifer Marietta
Magistrate	Brittany M. Hensley
Magistrate	. Stephanie B. Stephan

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Court Administrator	Jennifer Marietta
Chief Deputy Clerk	Tashina Levy
Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk	Tina Snider
Program Partnership & Fiscal Director	Sandy Brubaker
Fiscal/Grants Officer	Christa Edens

SECURITY

Director Security Services	Mark Brown
Deputy Director of Security Services Ro	obert Stouffer

YOUTH SERVICES

CASA Director	Greta McKenzie
Chief Probation Officer	Sheena Nipper
Detention Director	Cary Stanley
Prevention and Intervention Director	Mike Higgins
Prevention and Intervention Assistant Director N	1ari McPherson
Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center Director B	rent Knackstedt
Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center Business Manager	Denise Percival

JUDGE / MAGISTRATES

Greene County Juvenile Judge, Amy H. Lewis





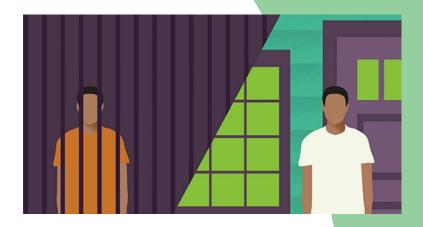
Left to right:

Jennifer Marietta, Court Administrator/Magistrate; Cynthia Thompson, Chief Magistrate; Brittany Hensley, Magistrate; Stephanie Stephan, Magistrate.

FISCAL

SFY 2020 RECLAIM Ohio Funding

For over a decade, the Court has been one of multiple counties in Ohio to receive RECLAIM (Reasoned and Equitable Community and Local Alternatives to the Incarceration of Minors) Ohio funds. The Court receives those funds based upon the number of felony adjudications and Ohio Department of Youth Services bed-day usage. Those numbers are factored into a formula and compared to the activity of other counties in the state.



The funding supports innovative programming and education through collaboration with community organizations. As a result, the court has enhanced its rehabilitation of youth and supported a decrease in further court involvement.

Allocations Received in SFY 2020 from the Ohio Department of Youth Services:

Youth Services Grant \$228,806.00

Variable RECLAIM Ohio \$373,304.52

Competitive RECLAIM Ohio \$300,000.00

TOTAL \$902,110.52

INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY THESE FUNDS INCLUDE:

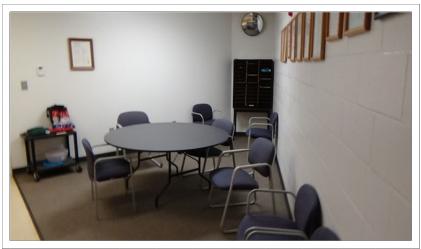
- Development of an Assessment Center
- Incentives for Youth
- Implementation of Proware Software for Data Tracking
- Family Engagement Mentor Position
- Truancy Interventionist Positions
- The Parent Project Parenting Classes
- Introduction of a Greenhouse for Community Service Purposes
- Addition of a Mental Health Therapist
- Various Training Opportunities for Staff
- Intervention Center

JUVENILE COURT FACILITY RENOVATIONS

Plans were made to renovate the staff break room and locker room during the latter part of 2020.

Renovations were completed in the very early part of 2021. New cabinets and carpets were installed by Greene County Maintenance. The vending machines were moved to the loading dock to provide more space for staff to enjoy their meals and breaks.







INTERVENTION CENTER—RENOVATIONS



INTERVENTION CENTER GREENHOUSE:

A greenhouse was added behind the Intervention Center to create a unique learning environment for youth.

The youth grow everything from tomatoes and peppers to herbs to succulents and pansies in the greenhouse. The vegetables grown are either donated to local restaurant One Bistro to local families. Juveniles can take vegetables home too.

Raising plants from seed to harvest teaches numerous life lessons. Responsibility, decision-making and consequences of choices are all lessons incorporated into maintaining the plants and greenhouse. Youth also learn how humans are connected to plants and the earth where food comes from. Additionally, youth are introduced to good citizenship by giving back to the community as they donate what they have grown.

"I try to teach them that you reap what you sow. It's the same in life: if you plant seeds and do bad things, you'll grow bad things." - Emmanuel Birgen, Youth Care Specialist.



INTERVENTION CENTER—RENOVATIONS

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Several physical improvements were made to the facility in 2020. The first major change was construction and finishing of the Assessment and Intervention Center (AIC) basement. This renovation consists of three staff offices, interview room, intake lobby, conference room, full bathroom, and break room, as well as updated flooring, electric, and fire suppression system. The Assessment Center is a collaborative effort between Greene County Juvenile Court, The Department of Youth Services (DYS), local Law Enforcement, Schools, and other community partners as we move toward the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) goal of reducing reliance on secure confinement. Research has shown that the placement of a youth into the traditional lockdown detention center can significantly increase their risk to reoffend. The mission of the Assessment Center is to promote public safety by providing risk/needs assessment and referral services that respond to youth and family risk behavior with a focus on diverting youth away from court involvement towards community supports that lower risk. Based upon these screening tools, the Service Coordinators will redirect lower risk youth away from the juvenile justice system into targeted alternative programming. For youth who are assessed to be moderate and higher risk, the Service Coordinator will intervene by recommending behavioral change programs, such as the AIC.

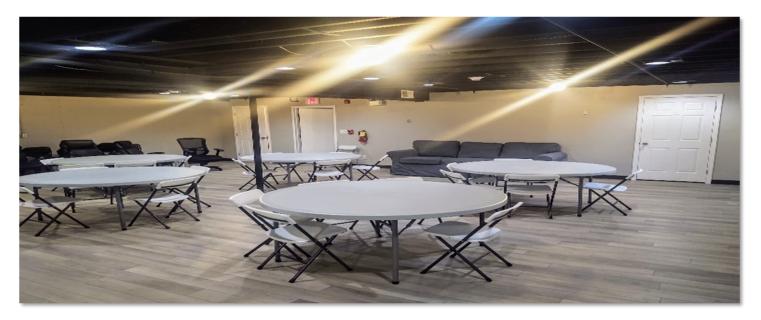


The renovation also included changes to the east side of the basement area. This portion of the basement has now been outfitted to allow for facilitation of larger groups, like the Parent Project. This group classroom will now allow for up to 25 participants to attend group in-person. Also included in this side of the building is

an upgrade to the AIC's commodity foods storage. This area will ensure that product is properly inventoried and rotated to allow youth to be served the freshest foods possible. Finally, an additional storage area for AIC materials was added; this helps to ensure that materials have designated, safe spaces for storage.

INTERVENTION CENTER—RENOVATIONS

The second major project that was completed at the Intervention Center was the installation of an updated fire suppression system. With the help of Megacity Fire and Security, as well as the Xenia Fire Department, the Intervention Center was able to modernize the original system that had been in place since the 1980s. Because of the fire system being out of date, there were fluctuations and surges in the Intervention Center's power supply. This has been corrected with the installation of the new fire system. The overhaul included changes to the fire control panel, heat and smoke detection system, as well as all new pull-stations, as seen in the picture to the right.



Other improvements that were made in 2020 include updates to three of the four Intervention Center restrooms. Previously unused showers were removed and (left over from the building's time as a residential facility), new toilets, vanities and flooring were added. The AIC was able to purchase a fire-rated cabinet, allowing flammable materials to be stored safely. The AIC invested in magnetic logos to be placed on the doors of county vehicles. This is critical for identification purposes with youth, families, and schools but can be removed if necessary. Finally, much of the AIC was also repainted to give a fresh and clean appearance to the interior of the building.

2020 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

JUDGE AMY H. LEWIS GREENE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS JUVENILE DIVISION	
JUVENILE DIVISION	
Honoring the Greene County Juvenile Court	
- 2020 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS -	
Covid-19 prevented employees retiring in 2020 from receiving a proper retirement recognition ceremony. It is with great pride	
we recognize in this Annual Report the following former	
Greene County Juvenile Court employees:	
SHAWN MCCORMICK, Detention Counselor	
January 17, 2020 - 16 Years of Service	
EDWARD "CLEO" WATTS, Intervention Center Director	
May 29, 2020 - 32 Years of Service	
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MELODY MULLIKIN, Assistant Office Manager/ Chief Deputy Clerk	
June 30, 2020 - 20 Years of Service	
PHYLLIS DICHITO, Deputy Clerk	
August 31, 2020 - 10 Years of Service	
Thank You for Your Service	
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SECURITY SERVICES

SECURITY SERVICES

Security staff consists of five full time, two part-time, and three intermittent coverage individuals. The primary function of the security staff is to ensure the protection of the Judge, Magistrates, professionals, case participants and public by maintaining order and decorum in the courtroom and court building.

Our security staff have a variety of duties: operation of the magnetometer and x-ray equipment at the entrance of the building; escorting youth and adults into custody; inspect, maintain and records daily operational information into an activity log; and remain proficient, through training, in implementing emergency procedures to ensure safety. The security staff also dealt with many new challenges in 2020, as did every division with COVID. The team was instrumental in helping set up and facilitate new Zoom technology and protocols to ensure Court proceedings continued without interruption, and were in compliance with state and federal COVID guidelines.

COURT SECURITY ACTIVITY FOR 2020	
FRONT DOOR TRAFFIC:	11,080
URINE SAMPLES COLLECTED:	39
PROBATION OFFICER ASSISTS (INSIDE FACILITY):	1
ESCORTS/TRANSPORTS/ARRESTS (OUTSIDE FACILITY):	2
LOBBY DISTURBANCE INTERVENTIONS:	3
SECURITY ESCORTS:	5
INCIDENT REPORTS:	0
COURT ROOM ASSISTS/RESPONSE:	3
CALLS TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES (XENIA PD/GCSO):	6
HOLDING CELL USAGE:	4
FOBS ISSUED:	172



Left to right:

Jim Langston, Court Officer;
Angel Haught, Court Officer;
Terry Swisshelm, Court Officer;
Jacqueline Deckard, Court Officer;
Mark Brown, Director of Security; and
Bob Stouffer, Deputy Director of Security.

CLERK'S OFFICE

MISSION

Ohio law directs the Juvenile Courts in our state to provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children, to protect the public interest and safety, and to hold offenders accountable for their actions, restore victims, and rehabilitate offenders.

The mission of the Greene County Juvenile Court is to achieve these overriding purposes. The Clerk's Office is a vital tool in the Court's continued success in achieving these objectives.

STAFF

Our office consists of a Chief Deputy Clerk, an Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk, and eleven (11) Deputy Clerks. We are responsible for the successful creation, management, and retention of every file, both electronic and paper, in the Court throughout the life of the case.



Judge Lewis, Commissioner Perales, Court Administrator/ Magistrate Marietta, and Tina Snider, Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk

Two (2) new Deputy Clerks were hired during 2020 to complete staffing in our office. The clerks virtually attended the Annual Clerk's Conference in Columbus and brought back useful ideas to discuss and implement within our court. The Chief Deputy Clerk and Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk also virtually attended the Chief Deputy round tables provided by the Supreme Court.

RESPONSIBILITIES

We work as a team to process all the necessary paperwork our constituents, attorneys, and Court personnel need. Our office operates as the public's first point-of-contact within the juvenile justice system by answering questions and providing forms for the public. T number of questions will be asked of the person inquiring to determine if Greene County Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over the matter. The clerks may answer general questions but cannot complete the forms for any person, nor can a clerk give any legal advice.

The Clerk's Office is responsible for processing citations, summons, subpoenas, and warrants, as well as scheduling hearings in a variety of cases such as: Abuse, Child Support, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, Custody, Dependent children, Juvenile Delinquency and Unruly, Juvenile Traffic offenses, Neglect, Parental Education Neglect, Paternity, Permanent Custody/Surrender and Visitation. We also provide other services such as Grandparent Power of Attorney and Caregiver Authorization. The Clerk's Office is also responsible for collecting payments for court costs, filing fees, fines, and restitution.

CLERK'S OFFICE

CHANGES AND ADAPTATIONS

In 2020, the Clerk's Office went through many changes. On March 18, 2020, as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Court was closed to the public. All but three (3) clerks were sent home, and these remaining clerks were tasked with maintaining the Abuse/Neglect/Dependency docket and continuing all other hearings. In May, this process evolved to a partial staff alternating working one week at Court, while others worked one week from home. A remote location for the clerks and a two (2) team concept was introduced in July and involved all clerks: Team One reported to Court on Mondays, Tuesdays, and every other Wednesday, while Team Two worked from the Assessment Center. The teams switched places on the alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. In November, with social distancing and mask protocols in place, the Clerk's Office made use of empty offices in the building, and relocated four (4) clerks to the first floor. With ingenuity and diligence, the Clerk's Office ensured that all responsibilities were maintained, while prioritizing the safety of the public and personnel.



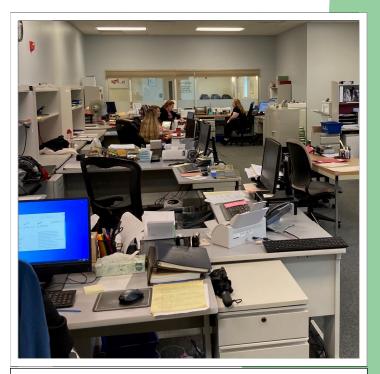
Terry Allen, Deputy Clerk

Several projects were completed in 2020. The updated Local Rules went into effect, and the clerks adapted to the new court cost requirements. The clerks continued the use of the Case Management System, JCS Proware, expanding its use and utilizing the various tools to streamline entries and Court procedures. A uniform procedure for all Court filings was implemented, with all forms being converted to PDF fillable and made available online on the Greene County website. A new email address was created for the public to use to file the forms with the Court, as walk-in traffic was halted due to the pandemic. Service by Publication is now posted on our website and updated weekly which allows a more accessible resource for our public.

Technology was added and utilized in all four (4) courtrooms. The clerks sent the required Zoom information to all parties involved so that each hearing could move forward, thus maintaining the Court's compliance with Supreme Court guidelines while maintaining public safety.

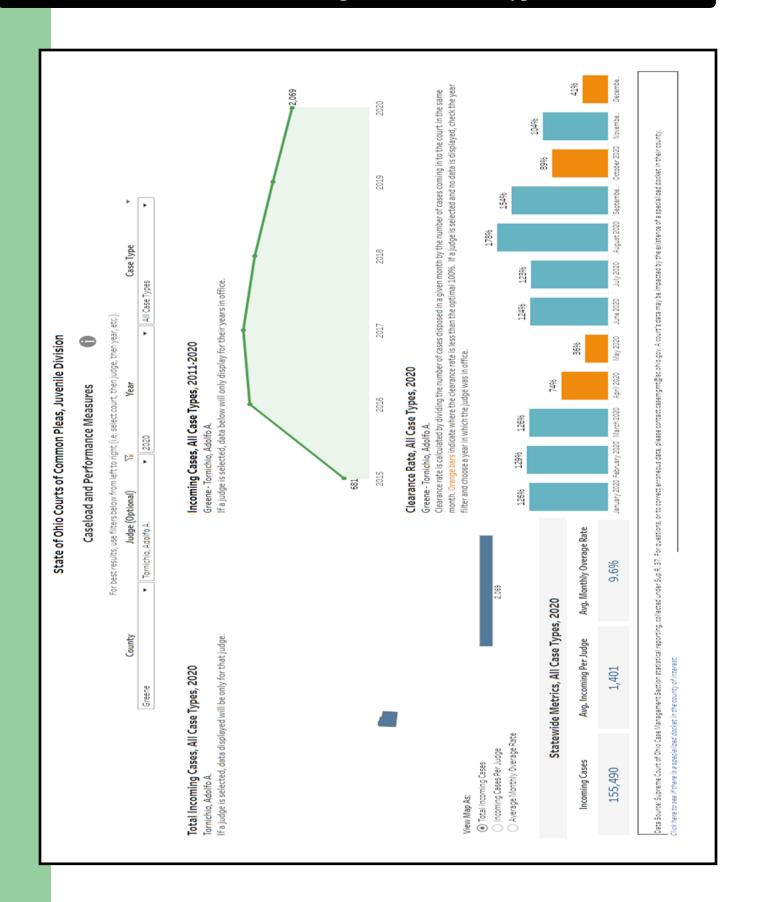
A new peer and employee review program, Guardian Tracking, has led to positive feedback for the staff, as well as a valuable resource for improvement. We are also currently working with JCS Proware to create an E-filing component for more accurate and timely submission of complaints and motions, and we hope to have this component implemented in 2021.

See additional pages for statistics from 2011 to 2020.

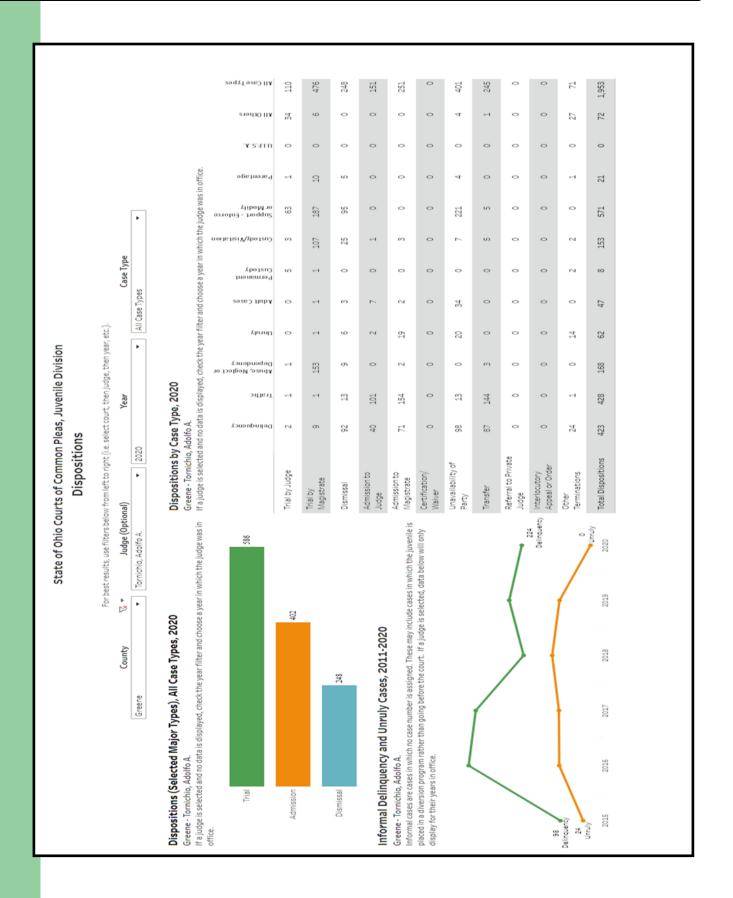


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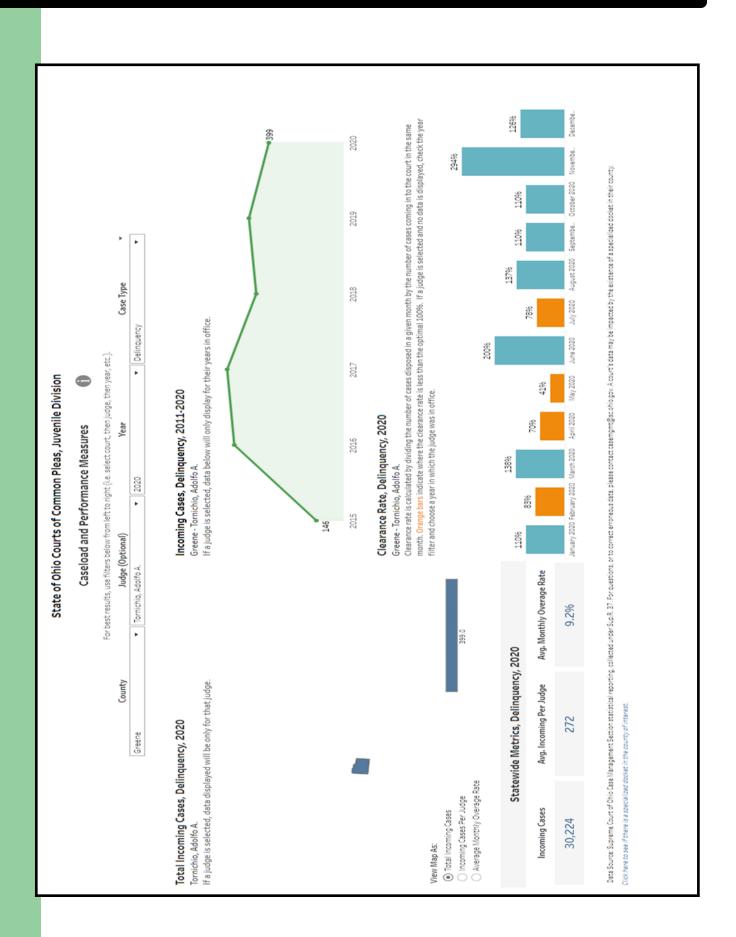
CLERK'S OFFICE—Incoming Cases, All Case Types, 2011-2020



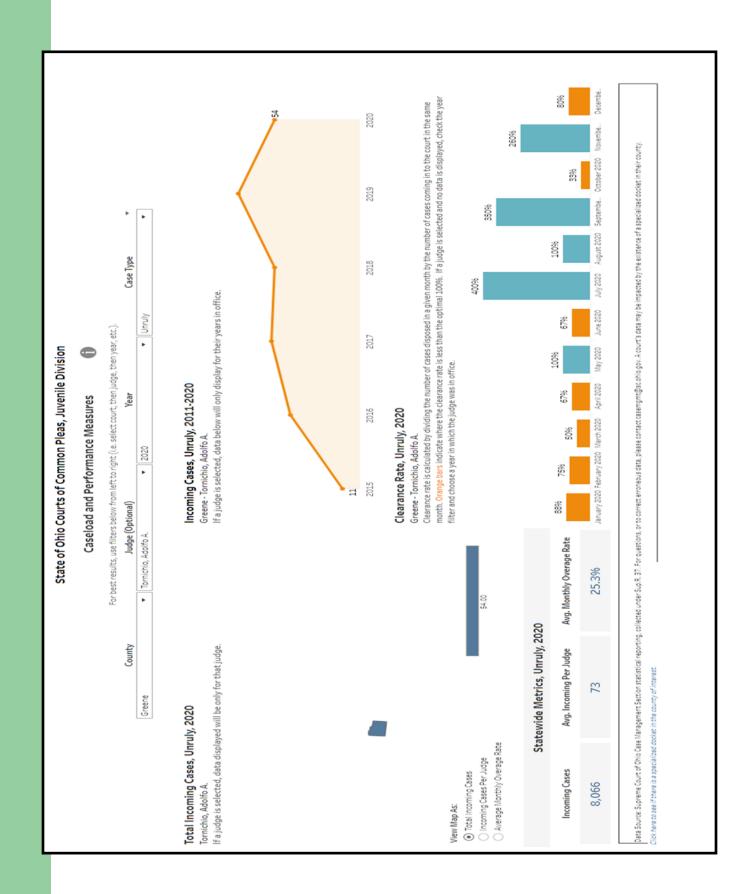
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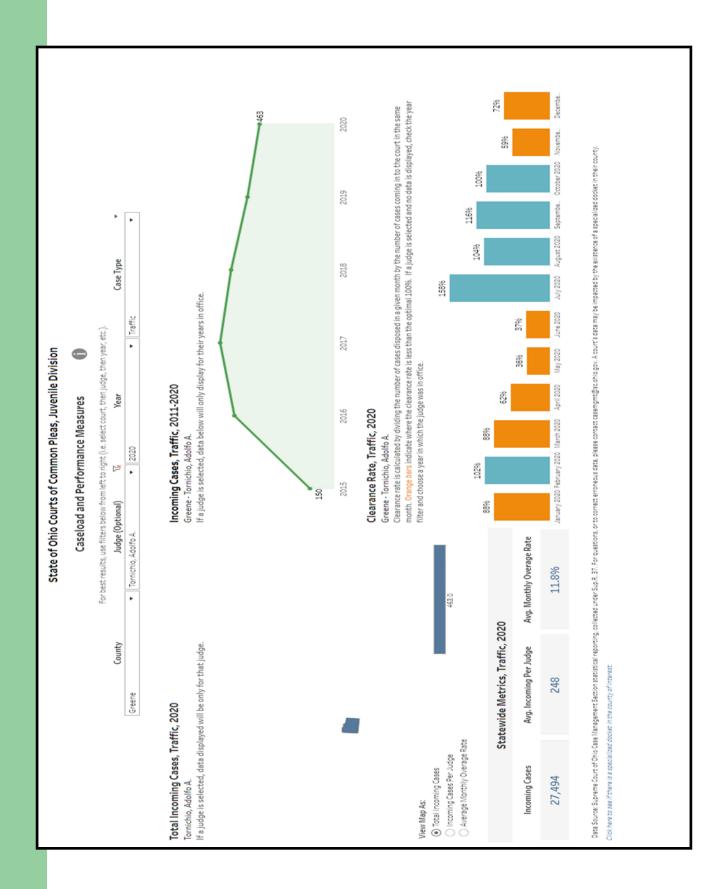
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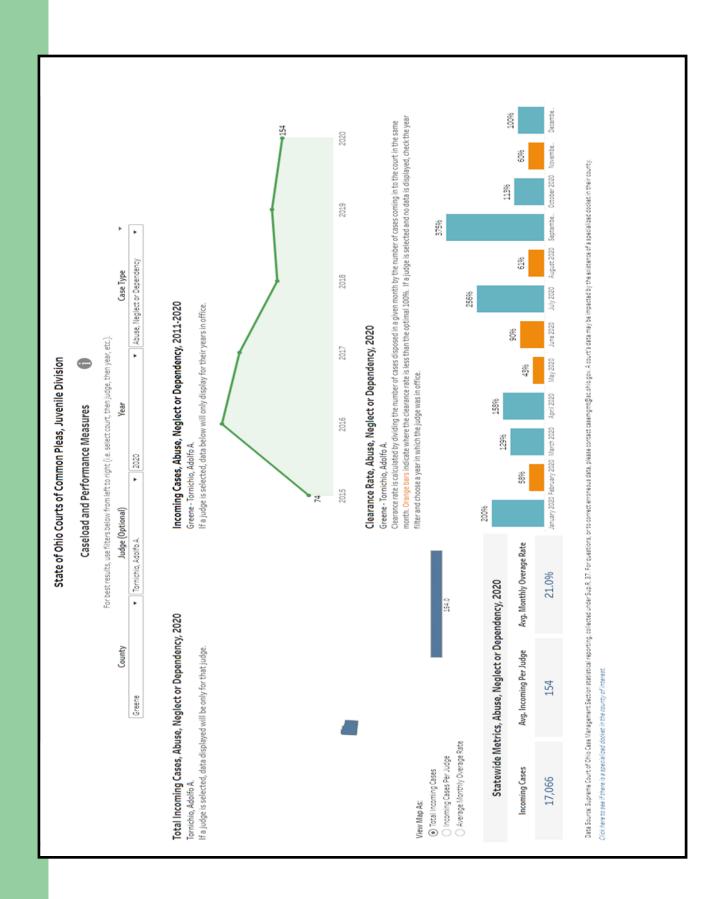
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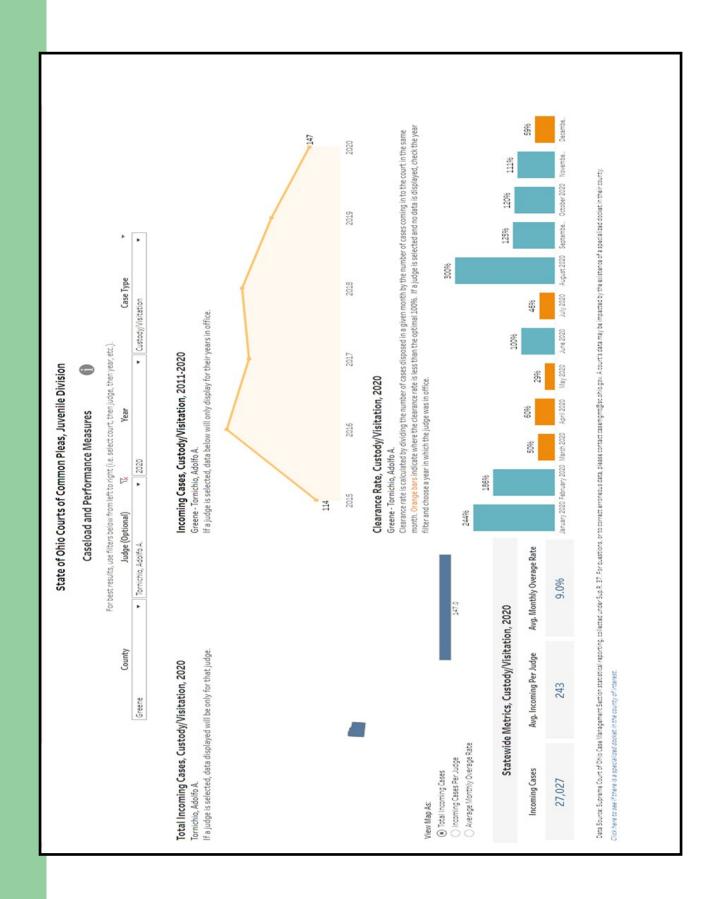
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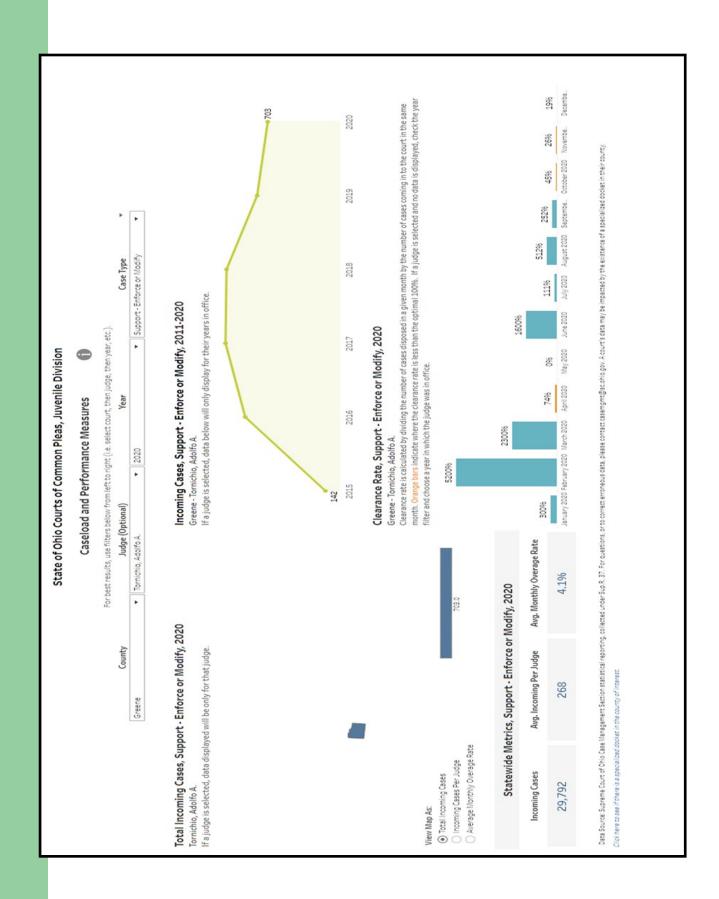
INCOMING CASES, ABUSE, NEGLECT OR DEPENDENCY, 2011-2020



CLERK'S OFFICE—INCOMING, CUSTODY/VISITATION, 2011-2020



INCOMING CASES, SUPPORT, ENFORCEMENT/MODIFY 2011-2020



PROBATION

PROBATION/COMPLIANCE

The Greene County Juvenile Court Probation department consists of the Chief Probation Officer, (5) Probation Officers and (1) Compliance Officer assigned to geographical areas throughout Greene County. The Probation department aligns with the mission of the Greene County Juvenile Court to provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children, to protect the public interest and safety, and rehabilitate offenders. The staff strive to provide leadership to the community and youth. The department is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professional conduct and continued professional education. The Compliance Officer supervises youth of lower risk that come through the juvenile court system that may not need the extensive services and supervision provided to Probation youth. The department calls upon their professional skills, training, experience, and community resources to effect change with clients and families. The staff incorporates case plans focusing on barriers and strengths of the family and youth.



Supervision of Youth by Probation Officer Matt Oliver.

TRAINING AND CONTINUED EDUCATION

The probation officers must complete 21 hours a year of continued education under the Ohio Department of Youth Services guidelines. In 2020, the department completed over 130 hours of training. Some of the most notable trainings are:

- Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Certifications and Re-Certifications.
- Ohio Juvenile Court Intercourt Conference
- Carey Guides Certified and updated training.
- CPR and First Aid
- County required trainings
- Chief Probation Officer member of American Probation and Parole Association
- Chief Probation Officer member of the Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association
- JDAI Webinars and Online Classes
- Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College

PROBATION

GROUPS SUPERVISED BY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- Life Skills The Probation Department has 4 levels of Life Skills that are taught to youth that are necessary or
 desirable for full participation in everyday life. Those levels are Home/Personal Care Skills, Life Management/
 Organization Skills, Student Specific Skills, and Professional Skills. This program was created originally for
 youth in the permanent custody of Children Services engaged in independent living.
- **Girls Circle** Girls Circle is a structured support group for girls and gender-expansive youth from 9-18 years which integrates relational theory, resiliency practices, and skills training. The program is designed to increase positive connection, strengths, and competence in girls.
- **SPARKS** The Greene County Youth Fire Intervention Program was formed to help those youth that have begun to experiment with fire-setting. This program was created by Jodie Clemens and Julie Broyles when they observed a deficiency and a learning opportunity for Court involved youth adjudicated delinquent of fire setting behavior. Ms. Broyles and Ms. Clements located the fire setting program in Indiana, attended classes and developed a program for Greene County youth.
- Community Service The youth work within the community with probation staff to give back to the community. In the past, the department has worked at Hamvention, Greene County Fair, ArtsFest, Taste of May, Family Violence Prevention Center Fundraising Event, Greene County Libraries, Food Pantries, at Habitat for Humanity Storage Center and Greene County Government Offices.

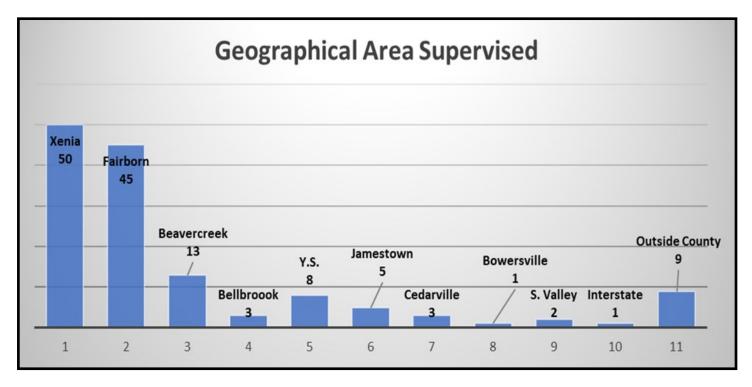


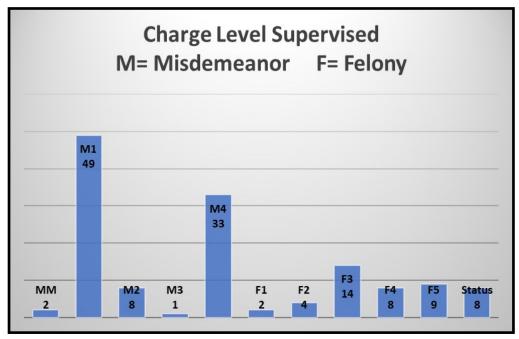
Youth working to earn community service hours.

PROBATION

In 2020, 146 youth were served through the Probation Department. The demographics of the youth served:

Male: <u>98</u>	African American: <u>26</u>
Female: <u>43</u>	Bi-Racial: <u>16</u>
Average Age: <u>14.6</u>	Caucasian: <u>92</u>
Hispanic: <u>2</u>	





COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE — CASA

CASA

Greene County Juvenile Court established the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program in 1996. The program recruits, trains and supervises adult qualified Community volunteers who serve as Guardians Ad Litem for children in abuse, neglect and dependency cases in Juvenile Court.

The CASA volunteer acts as "A Powerful Voice for a Child in Court" by performing whatever functions are necessary to protect the best interest of the child including, but not limited to, investigation, monitoring Court proceedings, monitoring services provided to the family, and making recommendations to the Court.



CASA Program is staffed by two full time employees. Greene County CASA receives federal funds from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), that is administered by the Ohio Attorney General's office, funding one employee.

CASA Volunteers represented the child's best interest before the Court.

42	Volunteers in 2020
185 *	Children served
430 *	In-Service Training hours completed
3,613 *	Volunteer hours contributed
15,142 *	Volunteer miles driven
\$180,650.00	GAL Attorney Fees Saved



Official swearing in of new CASA Volunteers.

DETENTION CENTER



The Greene County Juvenile Detention Center is a 32-bed facility that provides short term care in a secure setting for juveniles who have been accused or adjudicated delinquent. Juveniles shall be placed in detention in order to protect the youth, to protect the community, or to ensure the juvenile's appearance in court. The mission of the Juvenile Detention Center is to provide for the care, welfare, safety, and security of the children in the Court's physical custody.

EDUCATION/PROGRAMS

Formal classroom education makes up the largest component of the treatment program. Education is provided through a contract with Xenia City Schools. Each youth in detention receives 5.5 hours of formal education five days per week. Education providers consist of one full time teacher, one part-time teacher who is shared with the Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center (MVJRC), and one physical education teacher shared with MVJRC.

The education program runs year-round and is designed around a digital platform allowing children to work at their grade level and at their own pace. The focus of the educational program is credit recovery. Supplementing the formal education component of the program is daily physical education classes taught by a certified teacher as well as classes that are relevant for teens such as art, creative writing, social living skills, domestic violence prevention and law related education.

The facility also hosts guest speakers throughout the year. Special guests include but are not limited to Athletes in Action. Athletes in Action is an organization that is faith based consisting of current and former college athletes who feel called to give back to their communities through social outreach and fellowship. Athletes in Action come to the facility twice a year as part of their community outreach (summer) and leadership (winter) programs.

HOUSING

The detention center consists of four dayrooms (2 six bed units, 1 eight bed unit, and 1 twelve bed unit). This allows youth to be classified and housed in a manner that provides for the highest level of safety for both youth and staff. All rooms in the facility are single occupancy. There were 217 admissions to the facility in 2020. The average age of children housed in the facility was 16.19 years of age and the average length of stay was 21.04 days. In an effort to engage our students and provide a creative outlet we worked with a local artist to soften the appearance of our housing areas by painting murals on one wall in each dayroom with all of the design and painting being done by our students.

DETENTION CENTER

The facility is staffed 24 hours per day 365 days per year. Staff receive 120 hours of training prior to assuming independent job responsibilities and 40 hours of training each subsequent year. Training topics include but are not limited to; CPR/AED, first aid, emergency response, fire safety, verbal and physical de-escalation techniques, PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act), suicide prevention and intervention, and behavior modification.

STAFFING

The Greene County Juvenile Detention Center has eleven (11) full time direct care staff (detention counselors), nine (9) part-time Detention Counselors, three (3) Shift Supervisors, one (1) Nurse, one (1) Fiscal Officer/Administrative Assistant and one (1) Director.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services are provided by a Licensed Practical Nurse under the direction of a contracted physician, Dr. David Romano. Both the nurse and the doctor are licensed by the state of Ohio.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health services were provided on a contract basis with The Family Solutions (a community based mental health care provider). The Family Solution Center provides crisis intervention, mental health assessments and ongoing counseling for all detained children in need of such services.

The Detention Center will be using the Prevention & Interventions Centers Mental Health Therapist for 2021.

CONTRACT BEDS

The Greene County Juvenile Detention Center provides bed space to detain juveniles for Clinton County, Ohio. Clinton County contracts at \$80.00 per bed. The contract generated \$27,760.00 in revenue for Greene County not including any overages. This money is used to support various Greene County Juvenile Court programs.



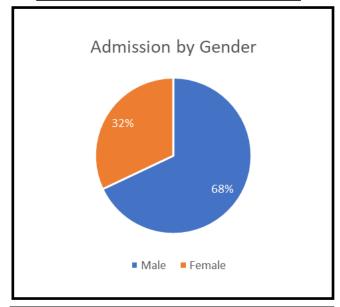
Greene County Commissioner, Rick Perales; Quality Assurance Manager, Dan Castonguay; and Greene County Juvenile Judge, Amy H. Lewis.

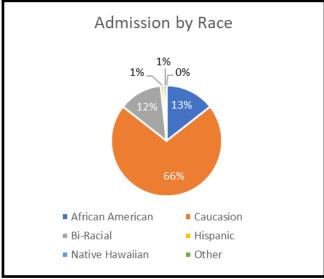
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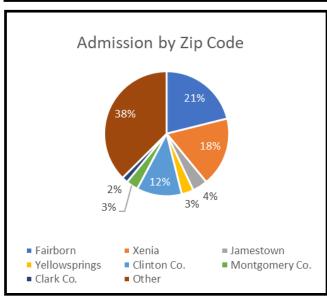
Greene County Juvenile Court continued in 2020 to transitioning programs that adhered to JDAI principles. Admissions numbers again declined. 2020 saw the total admissions drop to 128. Greene County had a total of 107 admissions

DETENTION CENTER

128 Total Admissions







Detention Activity Centers





ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION CENTER

The Intervention Center (IC), established in 2018, is designed to provide in-house intervention programs to higher -risk, court-involved youth as an alternative to placement in secure detention. Services are based on cognitive behavioral therapy/ interventions and education including family and group therapy (Mental Health and AOD), Aggression Replacement Training (ART), parent education and support (Parent Project), Life Skills classes, behavior reinforcement, meals and transportation service. The length of program involvement is based on performance and accomplishment of goals in a Treatment Plan. Programming is designed as an "evening reporting" model and occurs Monday through Thursday from 3pm-8pm during the school year and 10am-3pm when school is out of session.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

A positive consequence that arose as a result of COVID-19 disruption was the ability to engage in trainings that would otherwise be missed due to time constraints. Intervention Center staff were able to take part in several trainings, providing the opportunity to develop new skills as well as enhance current programming. First, staff were able to remain up to date in Greene County required trainings; these include: First Aid and CPR, Defensive Driving, Fire Safety, Hazard Communication, and Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI). IC staff were also trained to use the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS). This is a critical skill for staff to develop as it will ensure that the youth who attend the Intervention Center are properly assessed for appropriateness as well as ensure the intensity of services match offender risk levels. Additionally, this allows for staff to make proper decisions when deciding how groups of youth are split, ensuring that higher risk youth are not influencing lower risk youth. Next, two AIC staff members were able to attend the Pryor Learning Solutions' "Management and Leadership Skills for New Managers and Supervisors" training. Both Mari McPherson and Nick Brannon were given promotions within the Intervention Center and this training helps to ensure that they are able to transition smoothly into their new roles. The Pryor training provided information about personality types, conflict resolution, team building, and motivation techniques. Finally, through the Ohio Supreme Court's Judicial College, IC staff were able to receive trainings at no cost when they were working remotely. Some of these trainings included: stress management, suicide prevention, trauma and development, ethics, conflict resolution, security awareness, and several Coronavirus-related trainings.

INTERVENTION CENTER—COVID -19 RESPONSE

COVID-19

2020 has presented several challenges across the globe, none more apparent than the COVID-19 virus and pandemic. The Intervention Center (IC) was also affected due to changes in local, state, and federal regulations. Initially, programming was suspended the first week in March, in an attempt to slow down the spread of person-to-person contact. By March 18th, in collaboration with state and local officials, the order was made by Judge Tornichio for all non-essential staff to stay home in an effort to keep staff and the community safe. At this point, six youth were still actively in the IC program. Starting April 1st, staff began holding weekly meetings in order to brainstorm and prepare for what the future of Intervention Center programming would look like. IC resources were shifted to help provide for court involved families and the community. Staff were split into two teams, to limit the amount of contact to as minimal as possible. IC staff contacted families offering support and resources. IC staff were able to maintain the greenhouse and garden, providing more fresh herbs and produce for One Bistro (and to a local food pantry). Nutrition boxes were created for families who were impacted due to the pandemic, providing canned goods, dry pasta, and frozen items.



Beginning in May, staff were given the option to resume programming with youth. For the safety of both staff and the families we serve, the decision was made to resume programming virtually, with the use of Zoom video communications and weekly programming packets. Of the six youth who were still enrolled, only two were able to graduate successfully. The staff felt as though the time that was lost since the youth were actively engaged was significantly detrimental to their ability to effectively connect and motivate the youth. Staff were still optimistic that virtually programming could still be a viable option, so the decision was also made that the summer session

of programming would remain virtual in order to both ensure safety to the best possible degree. The summer program was very much a roller coaster ride, with several ups and downs as the session moved along. Only four youth were enrolled, in an effort to see how other youth would respond to virtual programming.

YOUTH SUCCESS

Of the four youth, two were able to successfully graduate, while the other two youth were released under neutral status and placed into higher level of care programs. Staff were on the fence about the effectiveness of virtual programming, but with school around the corner, did not want to make a rash decision to open back up if schools would soon be closing. Three weeks of virtual programming were provided before the decision was made by all staff to resume "normal" in-person programming. The youth enrolled were not able to engage up to the standard necessary to have functional groups. Additionally, attendance and technology issues continued to have a negative impact on the staff's ability to effectively deliver IC programming. Eight youth were transitioned into in-person programming.

PROGRAM DESIGN CHANGES

Once in-person programming was resumed, modifications were initiated in order to be COVID-19 precaution compliant, as well as modify the design of additional programming. All youth and staff were required to wear facial coverings at all times. The number of youth permitted in groups was limited to five. This allowed for proper physical distancing. Youth were also assigned seating. This ensured that there was no crosscontamination of materials and meals, while also giving staff a point of contact in the event of an outbreak. Sanitation was a priority. Staff followed a strict cleaning regimen daily to ensure proper sanitation.

INTERVENTION CENTER—PROGRAM DESIGN CHANGES

There were other design changes that were made to the IC program that were not as a result of COVID. Youth are now divided into two separate groups, either a Monday-Wednesday track or a Tuesday-Thursday track. This allows for separation of youth based upon OYAS risk level, separation of co-defendants, siblings, allows for a lower staff-to-youth ratio. The number of service hours is also impacted. The number of service hours that youth receive falls in line with the DYS recommendation and proven research of having the lightest touch possible with youth who are court involved. Services are now determined by an assessment tool and the totality of the child's background and family situation. This allowed the Intervention Center program to be condensed and more dialed in to the objective of reducing youth risk to reoffend and reducing the use of secure confinement. The IC program is now more focused on servicing the youth's mental and behavioral health, as well as life skills that will encourage youth to be positive members of their community. The IC curriculum has been reduced to Aggression Replacement Training (ART), mental health and AOD treatment, life skills, nutrition, and Moral Kombat.

EVIDENCE BASED GROUPS

Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

The objective of ART is to provide understanding of the theories of aggression, the connection to criminal behavior, and the anger behavior

cycle. The ART program is divided into three components; Skillstreaming, Anger Control, and Moral Reasoning. Skillstreaming (the behavioral component) is where youth are taught an array of pro-social skills. Anger Control (the emotional component) helps youth with chronically aggressive behaviors learn

self-control when their anger is aroused. Moral Reasoning (the values component) assists youth who have significant socio-moral development delay to develop a more mature social prospective.

Mental Health and AOD

With the cooperation of the Cornerstone Project, located out of Riverside, Ohio, mental health therapy is offered for all youth. Ashley Meadows is the liaison from Cornerstone and works closely with youth from the assessment process to the facilitation of IC groups. The group counseling services provided by Cornerstone Project staff were designed to reduce the intensity of symptoms of both substance use and mental health problems, as well as to increase the repertoire of coping skills. Youth are provided education regarding a variety of coping strategies founded in evidence-based practices, including cognitive and behavioral strategies. Youth are encouraged to practice and discuss their use of coping skills, and problem solving for the most effective use of skills in life situations.

Moral Kombat

Moral Kombat was developed in Northeast Tennessee to service regional courts, schools, and youth service organizations. Though Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Moral Kombat provides youth with activities, group discussion topics, and assignments to change their patterns of thinking. Youth are guided through the "Six Pillars of Character"- trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Youth are given various life and moral skills to combat peer pressure during high-risk behaviors, therefore developing a stronger sense of self-sufficiency and rational decision making.

INTERVENTION CENTER—EVIDENCE BASED GROUPS

Family Engagement Mentor Program

The Family Engagement Mentor works with youth and their families in the Intervention Center, schools, and homes. The purpose is to enhance the home environment and success of the children serviced while reducing or eliminating their involvement with the court once they successfully participate in the program. Research has shown that when parents and guardians understand their children's needs and how to help, they can successfully take action. The Family Engagement Mentor works with youth and their families together to identify and modify skills needed to effectively parent and guide youth.

The Parent Project

As part of engaging with the family, the Family Engagement Mentor facilitates "Parent Project, Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior," an evidence-based, award winning parenting intervention model. This is a

twelve-unit interactive course educating and helping parents deal with the most destructive behaviors experienced by parents of high-risk youth. Also included in this model is a powerful speech from Tim Sherman about the life of his daughter and her battles with addiction. Tim is from northern Ohio; he came to speak in front of both students and parents about his daughter, Karisten, who overdosed on Christmas Eve 2017. Tim's narrative is incredibly powerful, warning youth about the hold addiction can take on an entire family's life. He also pleads to parents, to not be blind to the warning signs of addiction.



Carey Guides

Research demonstrates that traditional methods of supervision are ineffective in reducing recidivism among adult and juvenile offenders. For behavior change and recidivism reduction to be possible, offenders must understand the personal and environmental factors underlying their offending behaviors. The Carey Guides are developed to equip corrections professionals with the information and tools they need to support these changes among their clients. These tools can be used to individualize needs and tailor treatment specifically for youth in areas of substance abuse, emotional regulation, empathy, and several other categories.

Homework and Education

A portion of the Intervention Center program is focused on students' education. Several of the youth who receive IC services either currently or in the past have had truancy related issues. Youth are given the opportunity to work on their schoolwork while at the IC. Intervention Center staff work closely with the youth to help guide them through their various subjects for all grade levels. Several youth are provided with laptops from their designated online schooling programs, but youth are also able to use Intervention Center computers to do research, type papers, and complete online assignments. If youth do not have schoolwork to complete, they are provided with supplemental materials such as Ohio Graduate Test (OGT) practice exams.

Life Skills and Gardening

Used in combination with Moral Kombat, the Life Skills program looks to teach youth new pro social skills while also enhancing existing skills. Youth are given opportunities to learn job and interview skills, resume building, interpersonal skills, and gardening. As a part of programming, youth are given the opportunity to work off community service hours while active in gardening. Youth are instructed on the entire cycle of plants from germination to harvest. With the use of both the garden and greenhouse, this program is able to supply One Bistro with fresh vegetable and herbs.

INTERVENTION CENTER—OUTINGS / INCENTIVES

Nutrition

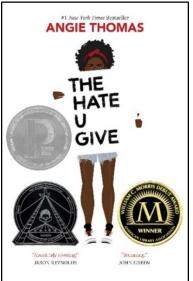
With the help from Central State University's extension office and Ms. Donna Kuykendall, IC youth are given information based on the 4-H curriculum. Youth are provided information about food ingredients, characteristics, nutrition, and food safety. Youth are given the opportunity to learn recipes and with the help of the MyPlate app can see in real time the nutritional values of what they prepare and the science of nutrition. Youth acquire skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving meals.

Finance

Another useful skill that youth are taught includes "Learning to Budget:" life skills mathematics. IC staff instruct youth on several skills including how to open bank accounts, developing money management skills, record keeping, balancing a budget, evaluating needs vs wants, and comparing income to expenses.

Book Club

Book Club is used as time permits. Some of the novels which are used at the Intervention Center include: *The Hate U Give, Just Mercy, Friday Night Lights,* and 13 Reasons Why.



OUTINGS AND INCENTIVES

To reward youth for positively participating in IC programming, youth are given various incentives and field trip opportunities. During the time which the Intervention Center was operating virtually, youth were given weekly snack boxes to promote them signing on in the morning. Youth are also given the chance to take part in weekly Intervention Center Trivia. Youth are able to earn extra credit to go toward their overall percentage for their participation. The weekly trivia helps to refresh youth on the material which has been covered over the course of the week, ideally helping retention. This is a great team activity and is a great way to finish the week. Youth are able to end on a strong note before being dismissed for the week.

The Greene County Juvenile Court has a contract with the Xenia YMCA and as a part of successful pro-



gramming, youth are taken on a biweekly basis. Youth are given the opportunity to exercise, swim, or play basketball. The Intervention Center also provides youth the opportunity to visit Xenia Community Library's Spark Place. IC youth are given the opportunity to use some of the state-of-the-art equipment. Among the most popu-

lar is the music and video production booths, 3D printers, and other STEM related equipment. Other field trip opportunities include: The National Museum of the United States Air Force, Young's Dairy, Beaver Vu Bowling, and the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) in Columbus.

INTERVENTION CENTER — VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEER WORK

ONE BISTRO

As previously mentioned, a large amount of the volunteer work done at the Intervention Center assists the Xenia food pantry, One Bistro. The mission of One Bistro is to provide a place where our neighbors eat and come together as one community. On Wednesday evenings, One Bistro provides what they call their "Community Dinner"; at these dinners, guests embrace the "pay what you can afford" concept. If



guests are unable to pay for their meal, the can give their time and service as payment. Guests can on any day One Bistro is open, pay the suggested price for their meal and if possible, "pay it forward" and help others who may not be able to afford their meal. Over the course of 2020, the IC was able to donate more than 160 pounds of produce to One Bistro.

YOUTH SERVICED

Beginning in September 2019, the Intervention Center changed to what we call "revolving programming" meaning that youth can be referred to the IC at any point, therefore minimizing the delay youth have to receiving services. The IC received a total of 26 youth referrals. Of these youth, 16 were able to complete the entire eight-week program. Of the 26 youth who were referred to the program, 13 graduated successfully with three youth still active in the program. The total number of service hours provided by Intervention Center staff in 2020 was 1,732 hours not including youth who were still enrolled into January of 2021.







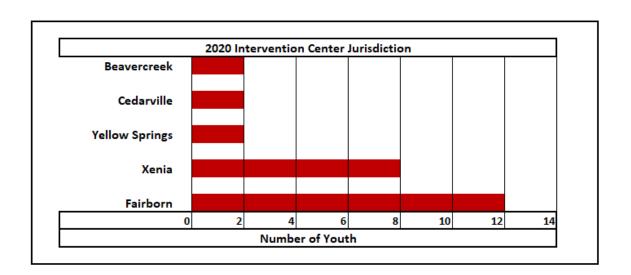


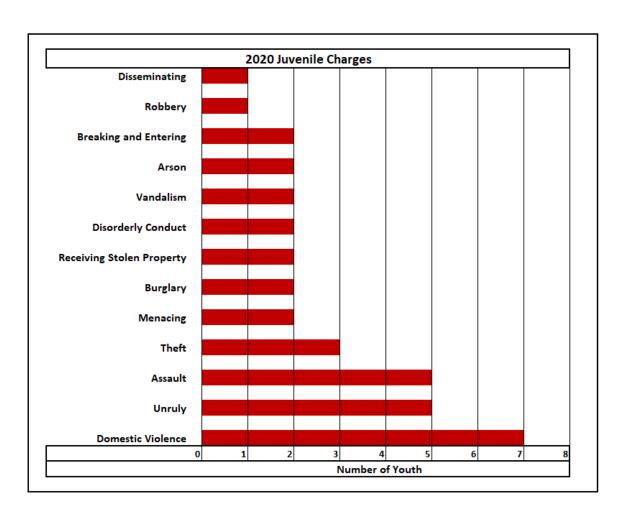
Youth working in Intervention Center Greenhouse.

INTERVENTION CENTER GARDENING PROJECTS

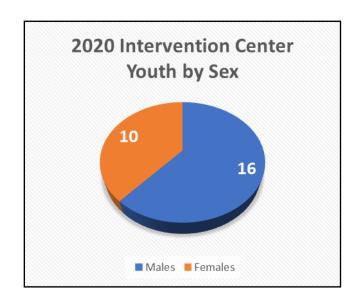
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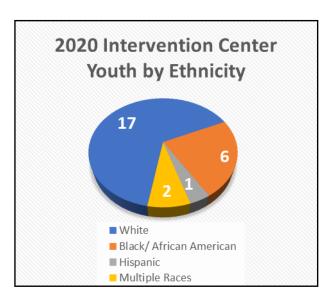
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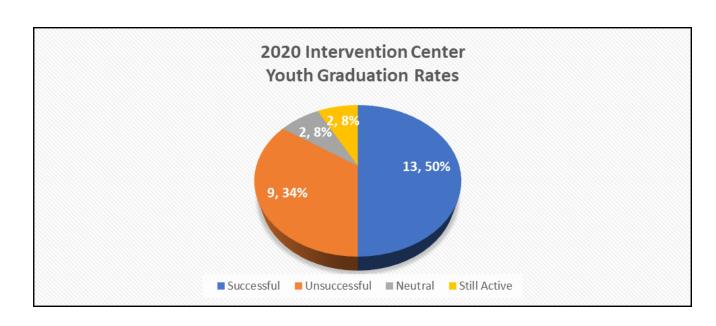




ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION CENTER STATISTICS







ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION — ASSESSMENT CENTER

The Assessment Center is the newest program and a division of Prevention & Intervention Services. The primary mission of the Assessment Center is to act as a single point of entry to divert youth from detainment in the Greene County Juvenile Detention Center and to wrap services around both the youth and the family. It has been shown that a single contact with the Court and secure detention can dramatically increase a child's likelihood to continue engaging in delinquent and/or unruly behavior. Past practices of whole-sale detention and incarceration of children that peaked in the 1990s into the 2000s are being turned around by the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) which has informed funding and program initiatives from the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) that prioritize juvenile courts to use the least restrictive means necessary to intervene with and support youth and families. By design, these initiatives favor community-based interventions over any court contact and secure detention.

The Greene County Assessment & Intervention Center (AIC) is located in a re-purposed residential treatment center near the Greene County Juvenile Justice Complex but is located off-grounds. The AIC is a non-secure space that includes offices, bathrooms, non-secure interview rooms, waiting space, meeting space, a classroom, a group therapy room, a residential kitchen and top-rate greenhouse. There is a satellite space at the Justice Complex that includes staff offices, secure waiting area, bathroom and secure interview room. The AIC is staffed by the



Director of Prevention and Intervention Services, Assistant Director of Prevention and Intervention Services, Assessment Service Coordinators, Mental Health Therapist, Program Supervisor, Youth Care Workers and Truancy Interventionists. Diversion Officers and an Administrative Assistant occupy offices at the Justice Complex.

The Assessment Center function of the AIC, established in April 2020, is designed to provide screening, assessment and processing of delinquency and unruly referrals made to the court from law enforcement, schools, community agencies and self-referrals. Assessment services are currently available M-Th from 9am-3pm by appointment at 701 Dayton-Xenia Road in Xenia, Ohio. Additionally, there is a 24/7 secure-side risk assessment screening area available to law enforcement if needed at the Greene County Juvenile Detention Center at 2100 Greene Way Boulevard. The goal is to expedite case-flow, front-load services and re-direct qualifying referrals to community services and away from formal court involvement and secure detention. This is accomplished by one of two Assessment Service Coordinators and a Mental Health Therapist with support from an inter-disciplinary Assessment Team that meets weekly for case review. Referrals to community services are made for low-risk youth and cases handled unofficially through Diversion. For cases already being handled by the court and higher-risk youth, referrals may be made to the Intervention Center or other court programs.

ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION — ASSESSMENT CENTER

Referrals are received by Assessment Service Coordinators who conduct brief psycho social screens as soon as possible with youth and families, but within an established time period. The Assessment Center Service Coordinators have experience working with youth and families in Greene County, Ohio, juvenile probation and children services, and are knowledgeable about this community's demographics, services, and needs. The Service Coordinators are trained in Motivational Interviewing. More in-depth assessments are conducted by a Mental Health Therapist and Services Coordinators after gathering more detailed information about the family. Examples of assessments administered include:

- Mental health and substance abuse assessments
- Mental health screen: Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument-2
- Needs assessments gathering family dynamics, bio, psycho, health and social information
- Health-Related Social Needs Screening Tool
- Risk assessments for Re-Offending: Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Surveys
- Thinking errors associated with possible criminogenic behavior: How I Think Questionnaire
- Human/sex, trafficking: Department of Youth Services Human Trafficking Screening Tool

The Assessment Center accepted seventy referrals, and officially handled fifty-seven of those referrals from June 2020 to the end of December 2020. 74% of handled referrals in 2020 came from detention. Alternative services to detainment were put into place after assessments and screening for these youth and families pending hearings.

Although diverting youth from detainment and the juvenile justice system is always the goal whenever safely possible to minimize a youth's risk of further criminal involvement, public safety must be taken into account first. Director Mike Higgins has trained Assessment & Intervention Staff regarding use of *Threat Assessment and Response* during weekly staff and inter-disciplinary team meetings to help identify responses to juvenile threats and escalating threatening behaviors of violence in the community. Use of the *Threat Assessment and Response* helped identify a "substantive" and "serious" threat with need for an expedited hearing that was granted upon request by the AIC Team. Use of the *Threat Assessment and Response* continues to be used to monitor for public safety.

Implementation of the Assessment Center was made possible by the following Community Partners, all of whom are either physically present in weekly inter-disciplinary meetings or actively engaged with youth and families referred for services by the Assessment Center:

- The Community Network and Family Solutions Center
- Family Violence Prevention Center
- Mental Health & Recovery Board
- Greene County Learning Center & Career Center
- Family & Children First



ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION—DIVERSION

The Diversion Program is a component of the Assessment and Intervention Center (AIC) and is under the direction of the Director of Prevention and Intervention Services. It is a well-established program that has been a part of the Greene County Juvenile Court for over 30 years. The program promotes values of justice, fairness, and safety into the lives of adolescents. Through education and early intervention, Diversion focuses on behavior ownership, individual and family empowerment, as well as victim awareness. Diversion aims at reducing recidivism by improving the youth's decision-making skills, strengthening the family relationships, and enhancing the youth's self-esteem. Our goal is to work on building their confidence and critical thinking skills so they will believe in their ability to succeed in life by allowing them to see their full potential and capabilities.



The Diversion staff facilitates and refers youth to various educational and prevention programs, which are offered at the Court to provide additional support and guidance to youth. The programs are conducted after school hours. The groups offered and facilitated by the Diversion Staff include:

First Time Offenders Group

A group that processes choices, why those choices were made, possible alternative decisions, and hindsight thoughts.

Young Offenders Group

A group that discusses peer pressure, listening to your parent, and the importance of making positive decisions.

Victim Awareness Group

A group that focuses on emotions of victims, defining what it means to be a victim, financial I pacts on a victim and their family members.

Repeat Offenders Group

A group that discusses how the formal court operates, how a formal court record could affect your future, an overview of Juvenile Detention, and defining Probation.

Character Chronicles

A group that focuses on six different character traits: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Stop Shoplifting School

A group that explains individual impacts of a theft complaint, how theft affects the economy, and law enforcement perspectives.

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

A group that provides practical skills for parents and teaching parents how to prepare their Kids for the real world.

We understand that the adolescent years may appear to be a turbulent time, but it is also a period of great potential as young people engage more deeply with the world around them. The target population for Diversion are youth ages 10 through 17 who are at risk of being adjudicated unruly/truant or delinquent. The goal is to address behaviors by providing short-term (2-6 months) court interventions for the youth and their families. The Diversion Program, on average, successfully diverts between 80-85% of cases from the formal court system. By preventing formal court involvement, the youth's record remains clear, which means there will not be any future barriers for employment, military, or higher education opportunities. We are passionate about helping the youth in our community learn the life lesson of their mistake. Our goal is to teach a life lesson from the event, because when you learn a life lesson, the odds dramatically decrease that the same mistake will be made in the future.

ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION—DIVERSION

Youth are also referred to programming offered in conjunction with The Community Network ("TCN") and Family Solutions Center. The groups offered and facilitated by Family Solution Center at the court include:

Social Media Safety

What is Sexting? What is Cyberbullying? What are the consequences of Sexting? What are the emotional consequences of Sexting?

Substance Use Disorder

A group that discusses peer pressure, coping skills, how substance abuse affects your life, and drinking and driving.

Responsible Students (Truancy Group)

Why are grades, ACT/SAT scores important, time management and organizational skills, and motivating factors? **SASSI (Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory)**

Prevention classes vs. full assessment

In accordance with the Pre-Adjudication Procedures under the Ohio Revised Code, Individuals referred to diversion are assured of the following due process rights:

- 1) A child who is referred to a Diversion program may choose to have their case handled formally by the Court;
- 2) At the outset of the diversion hearing, children are expected to admit or deny the complaints). If the child admits to the complaint(s), the hearing officer will develop a diversion contract for the child. If the child denies the complaint(s), the case will be transferred for formal court proceedings. The hearing officer has the discretion to refer a case for formal proceeding;
- 3) The child has the right to consult an attorney and/or have an attorney present in the diversion hearing before agreeing to participate in the program;
- 4) If a complaint is formally filed with the Court, any statements made by the child during participation in the diversion program are inadmissible in any subsequent adjudicatory hearing relative to the complaint, which was attempted to be diverted. Statements and/or documents created or utilized in the Diversion Program may be used in the prosecution of a co-defendant who is formally charged.

The benefits of diversion are bountiful. If a child and their parent(s) fulfill the terms of the diversion contract and successfully complete the program, the complaint(s) will be dismissed and the child will not have an official court record. There are no fines assessed. The only cost is a \$65.00 diversion fee. The program also reduces the Court's formal docket, enabling the Court to provide greater services in other pending matters.

In 2020, the Diversion Program processed 200 cases, which represents a decrease from the 341 cases addressed in 2019. The decrease in cases can likely be attributed to the pandemic our Country has been in for the majority of 2020. The following statistics represent how the cases were processed for Diversion in 2020:

- 200 cases sent to Diversion
 - o 119 Delinquency Complaints (60% of caseloads)
 - 81 Truancy/Unruly Complaints (40% of caseloads)
 - 21 Truancy Cases were submitted to the formal court:
 - 14 were failure to show for the Diversion Hearing after several meeting attempts
 - 1 case was a Diversion Contract violation (youth failed to get online and submit any work for an entire school quarter)
- · 50 cases sent to formal court
 - o 11 No shows
 - o 9 Denials
 - o 5 Refused to participate
 - o 5 New Charges/Detention
 - 20 Diversion Contract Violations

ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION—DIVERSION

75% of cases that were Diversion eligible were diverted from the formal court. That percentage grows to 90% if you consider the amount of cases that were controlled by the Diversion Counselor being forwarded to the formal court, which was 20 cases.

Outside of their general caseload, the Diversion staff provides services to children, their parents/guardians/custodians, as well as the community, by participating in Wrap Around meetings, Children Services meetings, IEP meetings, school meetings, etc.



ADULT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

In response to regular contact from community members interested in assisting the Court in carrying out its mission, the court created a structured volunteer program. Adult volunteers complete an application/interview process, undergo a background check, and participate in a training program. Volunteers work in the area of their choice, along with Court staff. Services range from performing clerical duties to one-on-one mentoring with a child. Thousands of volunteer hours enhance the services provided by the Court without any expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

23 Community Members Volunteered in 2020

The breakdown is as follows:

Detention – 13; Student Interns – 9 Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center – 1

The total amount of hours worked by the volunteers equaled 2,065 hours. If multiplied by the hourly rate of \$12.00, the volunteers saved Greene County \$24,780.00.

MIAMI VALLEY JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER (MVJRC)



MVJRC is a Community Corrections Facility (CCF) funded by the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

MISSION

MVJRC is committed to the rehabilitation of Ohio juvenile felony offenders to improve public safety. We are committed to fulfilling this mission with pride by providing a safe, clean setting where pro-social behavior is taught, modeled and practiced at every opportunity

SUMMARY

The Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center (MVJRC) is located in Xenia, Ohio (Greene County). MVJRC operates a 24-bed facility housing male and female felony offenders. Pursuant to the FY18 Grant Agreement MVJRC started officially operating as a 24-bed facility consistent with actual bed space demands as opposed to a 30-bed facility. MVJRC offers:

- Daily Living and Socialization Plan
- Cognitive Behavioral Program Targeting Criminogenic Needs
- Individual Assessment and Treatment Plans, Psychiatric Services
- Individual, Group and Family Therapy (Licensed Therapists)
- Sexual Offender Treatment (Certified Juvenile Sex Offender Therapists)
- Chemical Dependency Treatment (Licensed Therapists)
- Transitional Planning
- Credit-Bearing Academic Instruction (Intervention Specialist, Literacy Specialist)
- Character Development Curriculum including Structured Social Skills Training
- Life Skills Education (including Personal Finance/Vocational and Health)
- Community Service
- Accredited by the American Correctional Association since 2007
- Complaint with the Prison Rape Elimination Act since 2015

GOVERNING BOARD COUNTIES

Adams, Brown, Champaign, Clark, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Logan, Madison and Union

MVJRC - STATISTICS

YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Admissions by Age									
FY 2020									
Facility	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
MVJRC	0	3	4	19	12	8	3	0	39

Average Age = 16

RACE

	Admissions by Race						
	FY 2020						
Facility White Black American Asian Hawaiian or Other Total Indian/Alaska Native Pacific Islander							
MVJRC	30	8	0	0	0	1	39

GENDER

Admissions by Gender					
FY 2020					
Facility	Male	Female	Total		
MVJRC	24	15	39		

OFFENSE

Admissions by Felony Level						
FY 2020						
Facility	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	Total
MVJRC	7	6	4	11	11	439

MJRC - STATISTICS

ADMISSIONS BY COUNTY

Governing Counties	Number of Youth
Adams	0
Brown	0
Champaign	2
Clark	6
Fayette	2
Greene	3
Highland	5
Madison	2
Logan	1
Union	1
Total Admissions for Governing Counties	22

OTHER COUNTIES

Other Counties in Ohio who placed Youth at MVJRC	Number of Youth
Ashland	1
Auglaize	1
Clinton	2
Cuyahoga	1
Darke	1
Hamilton	2
Hancock	1
Licking	1
Scioto	1
Shelby	1
Vinton	1
Warren	1
Wood	2
Wyandot	1
Total Admissions from Other Counties	17

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MVJRC - INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT

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MVJRC offers a cognitive-behavioral and social skills development program in which problem-solving strategies are modeled, practiced, and reinforced. The program targets criminal thinking as well as the effects of trauma and victimization by challenging cognitive distortions, pro-criminal attitudes/values, negative peer associations, substance abuse, and unhealthy expressions of anger. The character development program coupled with individual, family, and group therapy serves as the primary components of the treatment program.



Family Intervention

Family intervention is delivered via Family Visitation, Family Therapy, Transition Release and Transitional Planning.

CCF	Family Visitation on Site	Number of Home Passes Conducted	Number of Family Sessions Conducted
MVJRC	446	135	170

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

Mental Health Treatment at MVJRC includes individual, group, and family therapy. Therapists are responsible for all aspects of specialized treatment for sex offenders and youth diagnosed as chemically dependent. A licensed psychologist (Dr. Michael Williams) and psychiatrist (Dr. Cynthia Richards) provide support services, including, but not limited to clinical supervision, consultation, assessment, and treatment.

CCF	Mental Health Group	Substance Abuse Treatment Group	Individual Mental Health Treatment Sessions
MVJRC	2,966 (COC = 61 hrs. avg. per youth monthly)	6.25 average per youth monthly	4.25 average per youth month- ly

Sex Offender Programming

Youth placed at MVJRC who have been adjudicated for felony sexual offenses are provided with sexual offender specific treatment. Community safety and victim justice is the foremost concern of treatment. Upon completion of treatment, each youth is able to: 1) identify difficult situations and triggers, 2) identify early warning signs, 3) avoid high-risk situations, 4) cope with high-risk situations that cannot be avoided, and 5) escape high-risk situations in which the youth feel that they cannot cope.

Sex offender treatment at MVJRC includes assessment, including the J-SOAP Pre, J-SOAP Post, Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory (MACI), treatment planning, and individual, group, and family therapy specific to sexual offending. The Pathways curriculum is the primary treatment tool used to guide treatment.

MVJRC - ASSESSMENTS

Gender Specific Programming

Girl's Circle is a model for a structured support group for adolescent girls. The curriculum is designed to help girls learn to develop and maintain authentic connections with peers and other women. It is further designed to help young women counter trends toward self-doubt, to build-esteem, and to allow for genuine expression through verbal sharing and creative activities.

CCF	Sex Offender Programming	Gender Specific Programming
MVJRC	3.5 average per youth monthly	4.0 average per female monthly

ASSESSMENTS

Pre-Intake Assessment

- Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Residential
- Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument Second Edition (MAYSI 2).
- How I Think (HIT) Pre.

These assessments inform the Intake Officer's Report of Assessment which is presented to the MVJRC Treatment Team for review at weekly Treatment Team Meetings. The Report of Assessment informs the development of the Personal Program Plan. The Personal Program Plan is developed by the Treatment Team during Treatment Team Meeting. The Personal Program Plan informs the development of Treatment Goals within the first 21 days of a resident's date of intake. The Personal Program Plan serves as the foundation for the resident and Mental Health Therapist to establish detailed goals and objectives as part of a more comprehensive Treatment Plan. This plan is then shared with the parent/guardian and approved by the MVJRC Therapist's clinical supervisor.

Post-Intake Assessment

- AOD assessment triggered by pre-intake OYAS assessment. Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory Adolescent Second Edition - Pre (SASSI – A2 Pre).
- JSO assessment triggered by committing offense. Juvenile-Sex Offender Assessment Protocol II Pre (J-SOAP-Pre).
- Mental health assessment triggered by MAYSI-2. Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory (MACI).
- Academic assessment administered by an educator. Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Pre.

Pre-Release Assessment

- Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Re-entry.
- How I Think (HIT) Post.
- AOD assessment SASSI Post.
- JSO assessment JSOAP Post.

MVJRC - ACADEMIC PROGRESS

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

These assessments serve as a benchmark to proceed with permanent release and inform the Final Progress Report as an indicator of readiness to return to the community.

SUMMARY:

Assessment	Administrator	Purpose	Time of Delivery
OYAS- Residential	Intake Officer	Level of Risk	Pre-Intake
MAYSI-2	Intake Officer	Mental Health	Pre-Intake/Orientation
HIT-Pre	Intake Officer	Attitudes/values/beliefs	Pre-Intake/Orientation
OYAS-Re-Entry	Mental Health Therapist	Level of Risk	Pre-Release
HIT-Post	Intake Officer	Attitudes/values/beliefs	Pre-Release
SASSI-A2-Pre	Mental Health Therapist	Substance Abuse	Post-Intake
SASSI-A2-Post	Mental Health Therapist	Substance Abuse	Pre-Release
JSOAP-Pre	Mental Health Therapist	Sexual Offending	Post-Intake
JSOAP-Post	Mental Health Therapist	Sexual Offending	Pre-Release
MACI	Mental Health Therapist/Clinical Supervisor	Sexual Offending/ Mental Health	Post-Intake
MAP-Pre	Educator	Academics	Post-Intake
MAP-Post	Educator	Academics	Pre-Release

OHIO YOUTH ASSESSMENT (OYAS) LEVEL OF RISK TO RECIDIVATE SUMMARY:

CCF	OYAS at Admission (39)	OYAS at Discharge (42)
MVJRC	Low – 11	Low - 33
	Moderate – 20	Moderate - 4
	High – 8	High – 1
		N/A - 4

The Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) is a risk assessment tool developed by the University of Cincinnati - Department of Criminal Justice in coordination with the Ohio Department of Youth Services to measure the level of risk presented by youth to recidivate (continuance of criminal behaviors). This assessment measures eight crime-producing factors (criminogenic needs): one static factor (criminal history) and seven dynamic factors (attitudes/values/beliefs, peer associations, personality, education/employment, family, substance abuse, leisure/recreation). Dynamic factors are changeable, which is the basis of rehabilitation.

MVJRC - AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

Because sexual offenders typically score as low risk on the OYAS assessment, the OYAS is not considered a valid assessment to measure risk to re-offend sexually. A separate assessment (J-SOAP) is used to assess risk to re-offend sexually. All sexual offenders scored as a lowered risk to re-offend at discharge in relation to assessment scores at admission.

Twenty-four percent (24%) of youth entering the program scored as a low risk to recidivate. 85% exiting the program scored as a low risk to recidivate.

Sixty-three percent (63%) of youth entering the program scored as a moderate risk to recidivate. 4% exiting the program scored as a moderate risk to recidivate.

Twelve Percent (12%) of youth entering the program scored as a high risk to recidivate. 2% exiting the program scored as a high risk to recidivate.

Four (4) youth exiting the program did not receive an OYAS re-entry assessment due to unanticipated removal from the program (e.g. unsuccessful permanent release).

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

Average Length of Stay Total	5.2 months
Average Length of Stay for Sexual Offender Treatment Track	6.1 months
Average Length of Stay for Substance Abuse Treatment Track	. 5.5 months
Average Length of Stay for General Treatment Track	4.2 months

Note: MVJRC's average length of stay has declined dramatically since 2010 – by about 25% or approximately 56 days on average.

Avg Length Stay	2007	2008	2009	2010	201	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	AVG
Days	234	220	252	224	197	174	175	152	163	164	149	156	151	189

This is a direct result of CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) Program Conversion (2009-2012) in coordination with the University of Cincinnati – Department of Criminal Justice and the Ohio Department of Youth Services. This program conversion was based on detailed program assessments in relation to correctional treatment best practices and routine monitoring by Dr. Megan Schrantz and now Mandy Bley (LISW), which continues to the present day. The most impactful outcome of this process on the average length of stay was the establishment of youth assessment processes – specifically, the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) which measures youth level of risk to recidivate and the appropriateness or likely effectiveness of incarceration.

The OYAS has provided a foundation for MVJRC to make informed decisions regarding what is in the best interests of the child. The result has been a decrease in MVJRC's average daily population, although the average number of admissions/referrals has remained steady.

MVJRC - ANNUAL ADMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

MVJRC ANNUAL ADMISSIONS

The MVJRC Treatment Team is encouraged by this trend in which length of stay is partly informed by the level of risk. It has allowed for a more manageable population which has resulted in increased safety and attention for the youth in residence. The benefits of this positive trend are summarized as follows:

- Decreased confinement time
- Decreased behavioral and mental health seclusion
- Decreased administrative over-load
- · Decreased length of stay
- Decreased costs
- Increased attention
- Increased treatment
- PREA compliance 1:8 ratio
- Increased job satisfaction
- Increased separation of residents by risk level
- Increased separation of residents by gender
- Increased unit placement options = decreased peer conflict

As a response to COVID-19 pandemic, MVJRC suspended the transition releases and field trip for all of the youth. In order to encourage the youth to continue to pro-social behavior, we



began *Field Days*. Field days occur every other Friday, at which time, all eligible youth enjoy food and engage in a fun activity.

EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

The Xenia Community Schools are responsible for educational services for the facility. Services include certified teachers for academics and physical education as well as an Intervention Specialist and Literacy Specialist. Xenia Schools assign academic credits and provide curricula administration, curricula support, and collaboration with home school districts.

Odysseyware is the curricula basis for the educational program. Students are assessed pursuant to MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) pre and post-testing.

Note: Of the forty-eight (48) discharges in FY19, one (1) student was a high school graduate and was not enrolled in the MVJRC school program.

High School Credit and GED Enhancement

CCF	Students Served	Awarded High School Course Credits	Enrolled in GED Program	Earned GED	
MVJRC	43	110.25	0	0	

MVJRC - OPERATIONS

Reading/Language/Spelling Enhancement

CCF	No change in grade level	Improved up to ½ grade level	Improved ½ to 1 grade lev- el	Improved more than 1 grade level	Not Tested
MVJRC					24

No improvement: 1 Lowered: 4 Improved: 10

Mathematics Enhancements

CCF	No change in grade level	Improved up to ½ grade level	Improved ½ to 1 grade level	Improved more than 1 grade level	Not Tested
MVJRC					24

No improvement: 1 Lowered: 4 Improved: 10

OPERATIONS

ODYS provides funding and fiscal support for all twelve (12) of Ohio's juvenile Community Correctional Facilities for both operating expenses and capital renovation and construction.

FISCAL

CCF	Funded Beds	Total Operating Budget	Per Diem	Non-General Revenue	Capital Funds
MVJRC	24	\$1,686,489.00	\$192.52	\$43,000.00	\$198,000.00

The <u>Operating Budget</u> is provided by the Ohio Department of Youth Services as part of the state of Ohio General Revenue Fund.

NSLP (National School Lunch Program) funds are reimbursable funds available through the U.S. Department of Education to cover the costs of breakfast, lunch, and one snack daily.

<u>Capital Funds</u> are provided by the federal government to the states and are disbursed through the Ohio Department of Youth Services to maintain infrastructure. Capital funds in FY19 were spent to replace door locks, replace the parking lot, upgrade the HVAC system, and purchase furniture for the living units and conference room.

MVJRC - FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS/QUALITY OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS— FY2020

- 1. Moral Reasoning Group: Piloting additional group delivered by licensed therapists.
- 2. <u>Graduate Programming</u>: Established activity resources for high school graduates unable to participate in school at MVJRC.
- 3. <u>Little Rules List</u>: Established procedural rules for minor matters regarding population management.
- 4. New Rules Infraction: Added write-up for "Bullying" to more directly address peer conflict problems.
- 5. Art Class: Established process with Wright State University to secure temporary art class services.
- 6. <u>Meal Option A</u>: Shifted meal service from living units to the cafeteria. Entire population served together. New meal cart added.
- 7. Food Service Action Plan: Improved menu.
- 8. <u>Barber/Beautician</u>: Established an additional Hair Care Specialist to address male/female hair care preferences.
- 9. <u>Leadership Initiative</u>: Established leadership rules for Director, Managers, Supervisors, Intake Officer. Invested in year-long membership to leadership training series through Fred Pryor Seminars.
- 10. Website: Switched from myjrc.com to county website at myjrc.org.
- 11. <u>Consent/Release Forms</u>: Reviewed by Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Updated and "approved as to form".
- 12. <u>First-Aid/CPR</u>: MVJRC Nurse certified instructor to eliminate reliance on outside sources for staff certification.
- 13. Research Projects: Risk Level Dosage, Ohio Youth Project, HIT Questionnaire.
- 14. Governing Board: Semi-Annual to quarterly meetings. Video conferencing established.
- 15. <u>Policy</u>: "Napkins to Knives" threat assessment spectrum established regarding "for cause" strip searches.

QUALITY OF LIFE ACTIVITIES—FY2020

- 1. Annual garden (5,000 square feet) including salad-producing box garden complex
- 2. Community donations. Evangelical United Methodist Church donating snack items, blankets, games, sporting equipment, etc.
- 3. Pet Therapy
- 4. Ice Cream Socials
- 5. Local park visits/picnic lunches
- 6. Farm Science Review
- 7. Esther Price candy factory tour/lunch
- 8. Young's Jersey Dairy
- 9. Bowling/lunch
- 10. Dayton Art Institute
- 11. Wright State University/Sinclair Community College campus tours
- 12. Wright Patterson Air Force Museum
- 13. Art class
- 14. Holiday Dinners



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